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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 435  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Mary Beth Clapp, 2001  
Valedictorian of Obion County Central High  
School.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those students who, through their natural talents and unwavering commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth Clapp is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2001 graduating class at Obion County Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Through industrious study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Beth has achieved extraordinary academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in our great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, In her remarkable high school career, Ms. Clapp has earned a commendable 99.76 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, She has been a valuable participant in numerous clubs and programs at Obion County Central High School and in her community, including the Beta Club, the National

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Honor Society, the Future Homemakers of America, the Academic Decathlon, the Foreign Language Club, the Challenge Program, and the Prom Committee; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected leader, Mary Beth Clapp has served as Reporter, Photographer, Delegate for the State Convention for Future Homemakers of America, and Class Representative of the Foreign Language Club; and

WHEREAS, Beth's enthusiasm and hard work in her academic endeavors have earned her the Advanced Physical Science Award, the Spanish I Award, the Algebra II Award, the Spanish II Award, the Geometry Award, the Chemistry Award, the Kiwanis Club Student of the Month, participation in the U.T. Martin Science Bowl, 3<sup>rd</sup> place honors in Vocabulary and in Poetry Recitation at the Dyersburg State Spanish Competition, Top Ten, honors participation and recognition at the Star Event, 1<sup>st</sup> place honors in the Mid-South Fair Fashion Show, a Bronze Medal in music-regional, a Silver Medal in Math, a Bronze Medal in Interview, participation in the Super Quiz-State at the Academic Decathlon, the Rotary Club Scholarship, and the Reelfoot Bank Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Clapp will be attending the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she plans to major in Elementary Education; her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition at Obion County Central High School surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Her significant achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Maggie and Kim Craig, her grandparents, James and Thelma Williams, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mary Beth Clapp's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor 2001 Obion County Central High School Valedictorian,

Mary Beth Clapp, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.